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ATTENTION OF

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Environmental and Economic Analysis Branch
Planning, Programs and Project Management Division

Subject: Devils Lake, North Dakota, Emergency Outlet Study

Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed for your information is the Scoping Document for the Devils Lake, North Dakota, Emergency Outlet study. It summarizes the identification of issues surrounding the emergency outlet proposal described in the draft Scoping Document that was distributed for public comment in June 1998. Section 6 of the enclosed Scoping Document presents a summary of the comments received and the responses to those comments. The letters of comment are reproduced in Volume II.

After further analysis, the Corps of Engineers has determined that the project identified in the draft Scoping Document may result in greater than anticipated adverse downstream water quality effects, and that changes in operation to alleviate those effects would decrease the effectiveness of the outlet. Therefore, the Corps is conducting a preliminary assessment of alternative outlet features and operating plans in an effort to develop a more acceptable and effective proposal.

The schedule for development of the Environmental Impact Statement shown in the draft Scoping Document is no longer appropriate and is being revised. As the study progresses, more detailed studies may result in proposed changes in project features and/or operation. Additional scoping activities may be conducted if there are substantial changes in the project. You will be notified through the media and newsletters about the revised schedule when it is developed and about any future meetings related to the study.

Thank you for your participation in this project.

Sincerely,

Kenneth S. Kasprisin
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer

Enclosure